GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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BANSAGAR INTER-STATE HYDEL POWER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bansagar Inter-State Hydel Power Project costing Rs. 3000 crores which remained shelved for 14 years owing to irregularities and financial crunch will take two years more for completion;

(b) if so, whether the project is expected to be completed as per the extended period; and

(c) if so, the complete details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (b) The estimated cost of Bansagar multipurpose project consisting of head works, canals and power house at 1998 price level is Rs. 2621 crore. Work on Unit I Head works was initiated in the year 1978-79.

Over the years due to slow progress of R&R works, civil works were delayed. During 1988-89 to 1995-96 the works on the project were at stand still for want of funds, as the Co-basin States were not contributing the share cost. Further construction work resumed in the year 1996-97 with the inflow of AIBP funds and since then the Unit I is making steady progress and the dam was raised to crest level in June, 2000 and reservoir was partially filled up to crest level in the monsoon of year 2000-2001. With the storage thus created, power generation (about 1200 million units worth Rs. 240 crores till September, 2002) and drinking water supply commenced from the project. As on date, all balance major works on the project have been awarded and the remaining works of the project are well on target for completion by June, 2004.

Unit II comprising of Canal System in Madhya Pradesh (Annual Irrigation=2.49 lakh Hactare.). The Canal System consists of seven Canals, out of which Sihawal Canal, Keoti Canal and Purwa Canal take off from Common Water Carrier, Gurh-Cum-Mauganj Lift Canal takes off from 4.00 km of Keoti Canal. Teonthar Lift Canal takes off from the Right Bank of Tons River near Chakraghat below Powerhouse No. 1. Over all progress of this component is about 20% as on September, 2002. The Canal System is targeted to be completed in phases. Under Phase I, an area of 22,000 hectare is proposed to be irrigated by June, 2004. Under Phase II, additional area of 78000 hectare will be covered up to June 2006 and under Phase III, the remaining area of 54687 hectare will be covered during the 11th Five Year Plan.

Unit III comprising of 4 nos. Power Houses in Madhya Pradesh are PH-I (3x105 MW), PH-II (2x15 MW) PH-III (3x20 MW) and PH-IV (2x10 MW). All units of PH-I, PH-II and PH-III totaling to 405 MW have been commissioned. PH-IV is likely to be commissioned by June, 2004.